

# Hawaii MARINE

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## Summer safety urged



Pfc. Rich Mattingly

Base fire fighters "rescue" a Marine who portrayed a victim in a simulated drunk driving accident here on Wednesday.

**Lance Cpl. Megan L. Stiner**  
*Combat Correspondent*

A Memorial Day Safety Stand Down was held here Wednesday morning for more than 500 base residents to encourage safe decisions regarding drinking and driving.

"Don't Drink and Drive" is a slogan so often used by advertising that the words may have little impact — possibly going "in one ear and out the other."

According to Mario R. Diprete, safety specialist with the Base Safety Center, the safety stand down kicked off Kaneohe Bay's "101 Days of Summer" campaign, which runs from Memorial Day to Labor Day. The program is used to help prevent summer accidents and encourage positive activities throughout the Marine Corps.

"This is the time of year that people want to get out, relax and drink a little," said Diprete. "That's all in good fun, but the problem is when they get into the driver's seat after consuming alcohol."

Diprete said a great deal of time and work went into the safety stand down this year, as the center wanted to provide a visual scenario that would remain engraved in the minds of service members throughout their

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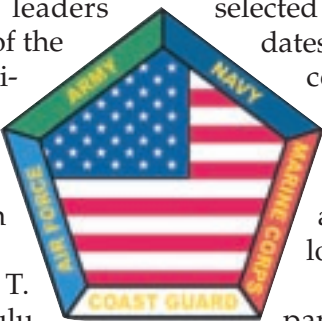
## Local leaders head to D.C.

Three from Hawaii to meet with national defense leadership

**MCB Hawaii**  
*Public Affairs Office*

Three local community leaders have accepted the invitation of the Secretary of Defense to participate in the June and September sessions of the Department of Defense's Joint Civilian Orientation Conference.

Patrick T. Brent and T. Michael May, both of Honolulu, will participate in the JCOC 67 program, which will be held June 6 - 12. Michael J. Fisch, also of Honolulu, will participate in the JCOC 68 program, from Sept. 19 - 26. Both programs will



provide these JCOC participants an opportunity to learn firsthand about U.S. military personnel, their equipment and its capabilities, and national defense strategies.

Initiated in 1948 by Defense Secretary James V. Forrestal, the JCOC is DoD's premier civic leader program. For each group, 50 U.S. citizens are selected from hundreds of candidates nominated by military commands worldwide.

JCOC participants pay all of their own expenses, including travel to and from the conference, lodging and meals.

JCOC 67 and 68 participants will visit Marine Corps, Navy, Army, Air Force, and Coast Guard military bases. Participants will fly on military aircraft, experience aircraft landings and launches from Navy ships, and

observe amphibious landings, urban area combat techniques, special operations assaults and other demonstrations.

Each of the JCOC programs begin in Washington, D.C., where participants meet and are briefed by DoD leaders including Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld, Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman Gen. Richard B. Myers, and other senior military and civilian officials.

After the Washington, D.C., orientation, the JCOC 67 team will travel by military aircraft to the U.S. European Command Headquarters in Germany where participants will meet the European Command's leadership for an update on current operations.

The JCOC 68 team will travel by military aircraft, to U.S. Pacific Command Headquarters aboard MCB Hawaii,

See *JCOC*, A-5

## Memorial Day serves as reminder

**Navy Lt. Winnie J. Walmsley**  
*Base Chaplain, MCB Hawaii*

By Public Law 106-579, Congress established the White House Commission on Remembrance to promote the values of Memorial Day with specific acts of remembrance throughout the year.

Today, the National Moment of Remembrance (NMR) is a major program of the commission, and its goal is that all Americans pause to remember — wherever they are at 3 p.m. on Memorial Day — to honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedoms.

A recent Gallup Poll indicated that only 28 percent of Americans know the true meaning of Memorial Day. Most view the holiday as a "day off" rather than a day to connect with U.S. history and virtues. The NMR has become a national campaign to put the "memorial" back in Memorial Day.

NMR is now helping to educate and encourage present and future generations of Americans to remember the sacrifices and costs in human life made to preserve our liberties and to instill in them an understanding of what it means to be an "American."

However, the National Moment of Remembrance does not replace any traditionally planned ceremonies. The observance is an act of national unity in which all Americans are encouraged to participate.

In keeping with the commission's intent, Marine Corps Base Hawaii will host a base wide remembrance at the Pacific War Memorial, Monday at 3 p.m. Military, family members and base patrons are asked to arrive by 2:50 p.m. A base representative will precede the minutes of reflection with a brief introduction to the event, and "Taps" will accompany the observance on the base public address system. A base chaplain will conclude the event with prayer. Anyone who cannot attend the ceremony, is asked to pause wherever he or she is, and observe the National Moment of Remembrance.

## New boat parking policy goes into effect Tuesday

**Pfc. Rich Mattingly**  
*Sports Editor*

Effective Tuesday, changes to the Base Regulation and Family Housing Management Order will require that boats, jet skis or other watercraft and associated trailers be stored away from residential areas.

To allow for a smooth transition, base residents who have previously been approved to park watercraft at their home are allowed to continue that arrangement until they permanently change duty stations and residents living in the barracks that currently have watercraft will be allowed to park them at the base marina at no cost.

Currently, more than 20 boats and various watercraft are parked in on-base residential areas. Base Safety believes this constitutes a significant

safety risk.

"I think the changes will help us provide a safer environment throughout base housing," said Danny Tolentino, deputy director of Base Safety. "A lot of kids run around the area, and trailers aren't always properly secured. The trailers also often interfere with drivers' line of sight while driving in housing areas."

Tolentino said he also believes the new changes will mean accidents involving trailers being hauled across base to the marina should be eliminated and the overall safety for all residents should improve.

In the future, residents who fail to comply with the new regulations may find their watercraft ticketed for being illegally parked, and risk having their craft towed and impounded by the Provost Marshals Office.

Additional storage is available at the



Pfc. Rich Mattingly

**New policies, effective Tuesday, will eliminate watercraft parking at officer and enlisted bachelor quarters.**

Pearl Harbor Marina. They can be contacted at 473-0284.

For more information about relocating watercraft to the base marina, call 254-7666.



# MCBH News Briefs

## Talk Radio to Air Memorial Day Tribute, Today

A Memorial Day tribute will be presented from 8 to 9 a.m. today on KHNR's "live" talk show "Flashpoint Hawaii" (650 AM). Callers and veterans are invited to call in to memorialize and pay tribute to family members and friends who have lost their lives in any war in which Americans have fought, or to share personal stories or testimonies at 524-6565.

Retired Marine Lt. Gen. Henry C. "Hank" Stackpole, president of the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies in Hawaii and a former commander of Marine Forces Pacific, will be the program's featured guest. Stackpole retired following a 36-year career with the Corps. FlashPoint Hawaii focuses on local news and how national and international events affect residents of the Aloha State.

## NPS Alumni to Meet

Junior and senior Naval officers are invited to a gathering hosted by the Superintendent of the Naval Postgraduate School (NPS), Rear Adm. Pat Dunne, today from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. at Sam Snead's Tavern, 943 Valkenburgh St., in the Pearl Harbor area.

Dunne will address alumni regarding the NPS, its graduates, and distance learning. Wardroom participation is strongly encouraged, and light refreshments and beverages will be provided. Attendees should RSVP to afmurphy@nps.edu or jmmathie@nps.edu.

## Special Olympics Seeks Volunteers

Marines and Sailors are needed to help with the Special Olympics State Summer Games, Saturday and Sunday. Help is needed to support various activities at the University of Hawaii event location.

To volunteer, or for more details, contact, Daina Hart at 943-8808, ext. 30, or e-mail volunteers@specialolympicshawaii.org.

## State Alert to Sound Tuesday

The State Civil Defense monthly test of sirens and the Emergency Alert System will be held Tuesday at 11:45 a.m.

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# IN THE CG'S MAILBOX



BRIG. GEN.  
MCABEE

Sir,

I am writing with a concern about the Annual Hawaii Food Bank (FB) Donation program that was conducted on April 24. This year, a local TV station stated that all military commissaries would be involved as drop off sites for items. This was on the 22nd.

I noticed that "The Honolulu Advertiser" omitted the military in their publication on the 23rd. I took up the gauntlet and wrote them an article, which they published in the editorial section on the 24th. I stung them a bit for omitting thousands of potential donors and our generosity.

On the 24th, I expressly visited our commissary to shop/donate items (as I do every year) for the FB. To my chagrin, there was no donation site. The two managers that I talked to were unaware and stated that they usually were involved.

Later, after buying my items, I approached one of the managers and asked if this site could be established. She stated that it was all right, but the FB would have to bring a box. She suggested that I call the FB.

I called. They were receptive; yet, they were not sure why the site was not established. They suggested in the meantime that I drop off my goods to the nearest fire station. I tried ours first; they were clueless. I later found out, after two more attempts out in town, that the stations ended their collections on the 21st.

Points to Ponder  
One, our PR and/or community officer(s) should be on top of this.  
• Know about it in advance, as it

is a super program. It clearly benefits all concerned and happens every year.

• Publish (two weeks in advance) this info in our base paper.

• Ensure the commissary/food bank are coordinated (I should not be making the call) on this — to include a "walk by" on the actual day to ensure compliance.

• Post the info on the sign by TLA (the temporary lodging allowance office).

• Ensure large banners are posted at the fire station/commissary/PX (post or base exchange).

• Involve the units on base. Maybe a 72-hour pass (for example), for the military unit that provides the most (donations). The other tenant units can be awarded a letter of appreciation by the CG.

Two, we should be proactive, not reactive. We Marines are famous for our "can do" and "will do" mentality and our generosity. If the FB forgot to set us up, we could have overcome and adapted w/o any heartache.

Thank you for your time and consideration to this. I do realize that important matters are at hand and/or forthcoming. But I believe we can make this happen at little time/expense, so that some people (especially children) will have something to eat.

Semper Fidelis,  
Mr. Casler



Dear Mr. Casler,  
  
The commanding general asked me to respond to your e-mail of

April 26 because your concern falls within my area of responsibility. The commanding general appreciates that you took the time to participate in the "CG Mail" program.

First, I'd like to thank you for bringing this issue to our attention. Marine Corps Base Hawaii has been and continues to be an ardent supporter of the Hawaii Food Bank. In the past, our commissary managers have worked closely with our base volunteers to establish drop-off sites and coordinate deliveries during annual food drives.

With regard to the most recent food drive, I contacted representatives at the Hawaii Food Bank, the MCBH commissary, as well as active duty personnel who have been responsible for coordinating previous Hawaii Food Bank activities aboard Kaneohe Bay and Camp H. M. Smith.

Unfortunately, in this instance, there was a coordination problem between Hawaii Food Bank personnel, the "Military Coalition Leader" at Camp Smith and our local representatives here at Kaneohe Bay. Base personnel involved with the Hawaii Food Bank have been made aware of the issue and have assured me that we'll do a better job of coordinating with our partners on future food drives.

We appreciate your thoughtful comments and concerns. If I can be of any further assistance, please feel free to contact me at 257-8821, and again, thank you for taking the time to participate in the "CG Mail" program.

Sincerely,  
Mr. Kent Murata  
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4  
(Installations and Logistics)

(Editor's Note: Letters of any length may be trimmed and edited in the interest of good taste and brevity.)  
The commanding general invites input from

the base community via C.G. Mail on the following topics: What are we doing that we shouldn't be doing? What are we not doing that we should be doing? What are we doing that we

should be doing better?  
Responses should include a recommendation that will help solve the problem and must include your name and return address.

# COMMENTARY

## Day should reflect selfless actions



BELL

Sgt. Maj.  
**Wayne R. Bell**  
1st Marine Division

CAMP BLUE DIAMOND, Iraq —  
Seventy-two. There are 72 reasons why this Memorial

Day is a little more sacred this year, a little more solemn.

Seventy-two is the number of Marines, soldiers and Sailors assigned to the 1st Marine Division who were killed in action during combat operations in Iraq. Seventy-two patriots upheld our Corps' values of honor, courage and commitment. Seventy-two are to whom we owe our pride, our dignity and our gratitude.

For most, Memorial Day is a day off from work. For most Americans, backyard barbecues, time with family and the kick-off to summer mark this day. But most Americans aren't familiar with the sacrifices of our Marines, soldiers and Sailors. Most don't know about Cpl. Jason

L. Dunham, the 22-year-old Marine who dove on top of a grenade to save the lives of his Marines. But Marines do. Marines know that our Corps' legacy is built upon such men who selflessly give their lives for their fellow Marines. Memorial Day is a day to honor those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice like Cpl. Dunham.

Lance Cpl. William J. Wiscowiche was killed in Ramadi, Iraq, trying to search out improvised explosive devices. He died trying to keep other Marines safe. We have no greater heroes than Marines like Wiscowiche. Memorial Day is Wiscowiche's day.

As he fired away at the enemy shooting at his Marines, Lance Cpl. Elias L. Torrez III used one hand for the steering wheel and the other for his weapon. While his foot was propping open the door to his Humvee, he emptied two magazines on the enemy before the enemy killed him. We should remember Torrez on Memorial Day.

Cpl. Daniel R. Amaya always told his Marines he would be there, leading them. He was leading his Marines from the front when he was killed in fighting in Fallujah. That's how he died, fulfilling his promise to

his Marines. Amaya's day is Memorial Day.

Right now, there are 72 reasons why this day, this year, is more bitter-sweet than the rest.

I've stood at the foot of memorials here in Iraq. A single inverted rifle with identification tags and helmet honors our fallen comrades. But Memorial Day is a day that we honor the sacrifices of all Marines, all soldiers, all Sailors, all airmen and all civilian warriors who fought and died in Iraq in 2003 and 2004, and in Kuwait in 1991.

We honor military and civilians who were killed in Beirut in 1983. We honor those killed in Vietnam and Korea. We remember the sacrifices of those who forged our legacy in the swamps of Guadalcanal and the beaches of Iwo Jima.

All these sacrifices made us the Corps, the Army, the Navy, the Air Force, and the nation we are today. The sacrifices of the 72 killed in action in Iraq during this war on terror is forging that legacy of selfless brotherhood, of one American laying down his life for another.



# Sea Stallion Down

Marines secure helo against aggressors in simulated crash

Story and Photos by  
**Lance Cpl. Michelle M. Dickson**  
*Combat Correspondent*

**KALAELOA** — The Marines of 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, completed a successful Tactical Recovery of Aircraft and Personnel scenario here, May 21, at what was formerly Naval Air Station, Barber’s Point.

Their mission fulfilled one of 29 tasks required for the unit to ready itself for duty with the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit in Okinawa, Japan.

In the scenario, a CH-53D Sea Stallion helicopter crashed in a foreign city. Its crew of three needed rescue, but the responding 1/3 unit was told to expect resistance.

A small “red cell” of aggressors from 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, arrived on the scene. The cell tried to detour the 1/3 rescue, as the aggressors wanted to secure the Sea Stallion’s airframe and possibly some American hostages.

The main concern of Combined Anti-Armor Team 2 from Heavy Weapons Co., 1/3, was to get to the helo before the aggressors, in order to get the aircrew to safety.

“These Marines knew they had to be faster and stronger than the opposing forces, and that’s what they did,” said Staff Sgt. William Hornsby, battalion assistant operations chief for, 1/3, and a Pensacola, Fla. native. “They had mobility over the enemy and an increased amount of firepower to deal with.”

A variety of factors required the Marines to be flexible and make on-the-scene decisions in order to achieve success.

“The Marines rolled with the punches and made it happen,” said Hornsby. “They were competent and responded well to all orders that were given to them. They showed good leadership qualities throughout the mission,” he explained, adding that the most difficult part for Marines was determining who was and wasn’t the enemy.

“In a different country, a lot of the times you aren’t going to know who is going to fire at you. The Marines have to take the time to make the correct decisions in situations like these.”

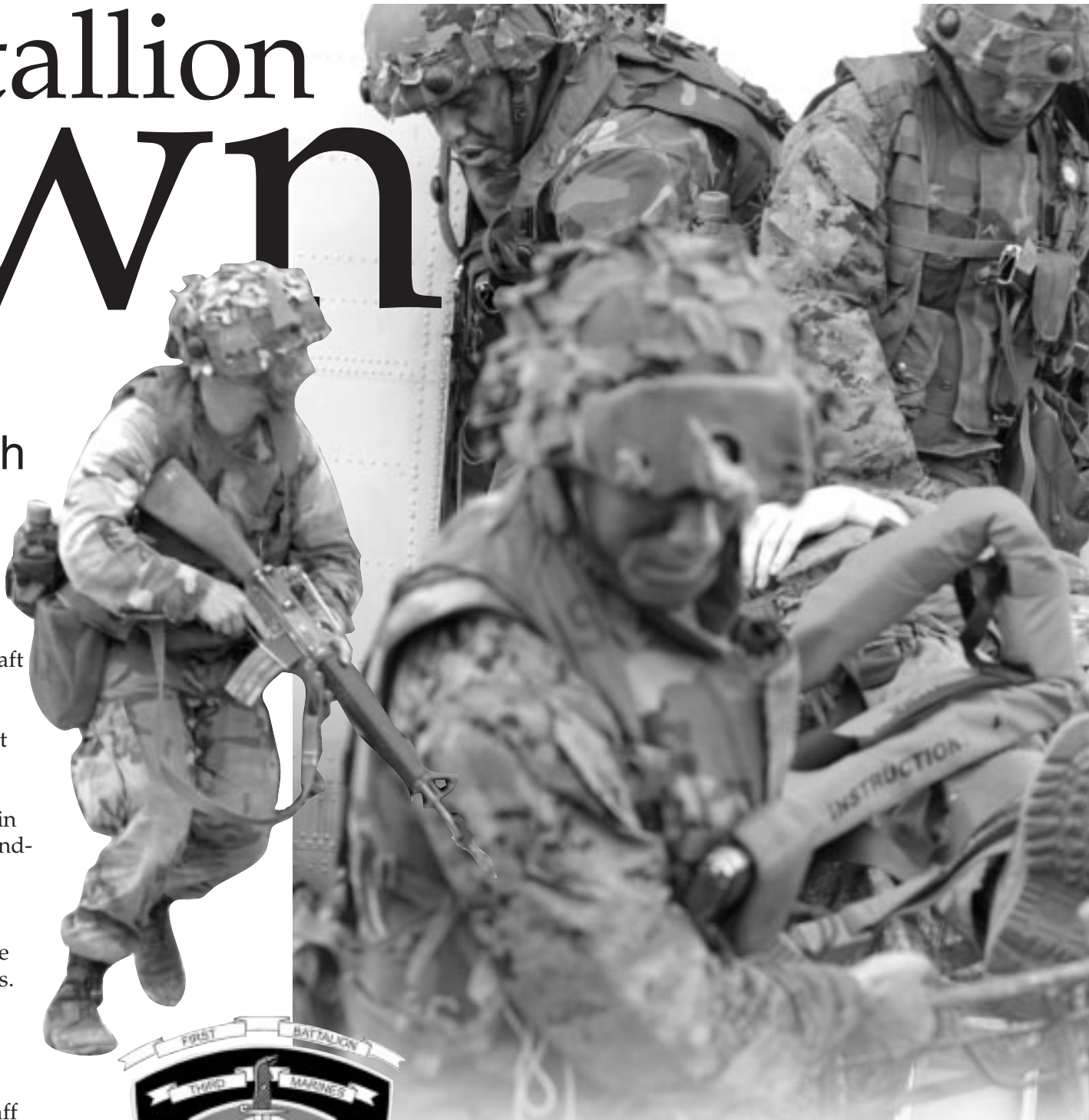
Gunshots rang out. The Marines of 1/3 continued to push through to complete the task at hand, and its corpsmen provided medical attention to simulated casualties.

Lance Cpl. Adam Brantley, rifleman for Kilo Co., 3/3 and a Seymour, Tenn. native, was an aggressor who trained the entire week to help 1/3 prepare for the MEU.

“This mission ended up going at such a fast pace,” said Brantley. “They flanked us and it was all over. They performed really well.”

According to Hornsby, the weeklong training evolution is the final training requirement. Hawaii-based training has provided the unit a huge leap forward in comparison to units forced to only train in Okinawa.

The 1/3 Marines will continue to train when they arrive in Okinawa, where they will collaborate with other Marine units and Navy counterparts.



Marines from 1/3 simulated the rescue of three fellow Lava Dogs during a weeklong training evolution preparing for duty with the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit.

## Word on the Street

*What national monument or landmark have you always wanted to visit?*



“The Washington Monument. I’ve always wanted to see it.”

Sgt. Cruz Arredondo,  
Electronics chief  
3rd Marine Regiment



“The Iwo Jima monument because it’s so famous. It’d be cool to see the original one.”

Lance Cpl. Ricardo  
Tijerina  
Supply clerk  
CSSG-3



“The Eiffel Tower, because it’s so popular, and it’s in a beautiful country.”

Jessica Byrd  
Family member



“The Grand Canyon. I’ve wanted to go there ever since I was little.”

Cpl. Cynthia Barnum  
Cook  
Anderson Hall



"The Iwo Jima memorial because it shows the long history of the hospital corps."

Petty Officer 2nd Class  
Valentino Salazar  
Corpsman  
3rd Marine Regiment



# Veteran searches for lost comrades

**Sgt. Joseph A. Lee**  
*Combat Correspondent*

Recently, a Marine veteran of Guadalcanal, Tarawa, Tinian and Saipan visited Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, to reminisce on the island while providing clues that may uncover the possibility of missing-in-action Marines he feels may still be buried on the island of Tarawa.

Robert L. George, author of the book “Tarawa: Too Young to Vote,” is a former sergeant of Marines who firmly believes that the remains of some of his fallen friends and comrades may not have been recovered from the island of Betio in the Tarawa Atoll after the battle there just more than 60 years ago.

“I’m absolutely certain there are Marines still buried at Tarawa,” said George, while conducting a videotaped interview at the Combat Visual Information Center here. “I don’t know exactly where they are, but I know they are there. I hope they look for these boys; most of them were my friends.”

George served with Alpha Company, 1st Battalion, 10th Marine Regiment, 1st

Marine Division. During the interview with Alice T. Clark, chairperson of the Pacific War Memorial Association, Inc., he recalled events that took place shortly after D-Day, in an effort to piece together how Marines could have been lost in an unmarked mass grave, buried beneath what may now be a highway or part of an airport.

From information George learned through correspondence with other Marines who were there, he believes that the mass grave “may have been turned into a road because the area was used as a roadway shortly after [the division] left.”

After recording George’s account of his time in Tarawa, the group (which included his wife, Shirley Ann, and family friend Maryemma Buttler) visited with Johnie Webb, the senior advisor at the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC) at Hickam Air Force Base, to see if he could shed some light on the possibility of recovering these Marines’ remains.

Upon arrival at JPAC, Webb and World War II analyst and historian Dr. Chris McDermott greeted the group

with utmost interest.

“If you can get us close, we’ll take it from there,” said Webb, as he listened to George’s account of the burial.

George described the mass grave as an eight-by-75 foot trench in which they buried at least 1,262 dog tags, and the Marines to whom they belonged. After George explained the dimensions of the grave, McDermott helped shed some light on what could have happened to the lost grave.

“During the war, there was a shortage of qualified grave registration personnel to follow the campaign across the Pacific,” said McDermott.

Because of this shortage, McDermott explained, many of these sites were visited months, even years later, only to discover that the grave markers did not lie above actual burial sites. Many searches were conducted for these mass graves, and many were discovered.

“The remains of several thousand Marines were, in fact, discovered in similar mass graves in the years following the war in the Pacific,” said McDermott.

According to McDermott, these remains would have been transported either to Manila, Philippines, or to Schofield Barracks here on Oahu.

“There are several thousand Marines’ remains buried at Punchbowl, which were brought back from Pacific battle sites on carrier ships to Schofield Barracks,” said Webb. “These unknowns could very well include the Marines that had originally been buried in mass graves..”

Though the possibility exists that the grave George remembers was indeed



Sgt. Joseph A. Lee

**Veteran Robert George believes Marines are still buried on island of Betio.**

discovered, Webb and McDermott assured the Marine veteran that they would follow every lead, and make every effort, to follow through on his account.

“It’s just as important to the Marines of today, for them to know that we will make every effort to find them should they fall on foreign soil,” said Webb. “We’re doing everything we can to bring our heroes home.”

*(Editor’s Note: Marines can purchase a copy of George’s book at the reduced cost of \$10 by calling 1-800-954-9161, toll free.)*

If you know of a family member who is from the maternal blood-line of an unaccounted-for serviceperson, please ask them to contact military services to provide a blood sample.

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| U.S. Army         | 1-800-892-2490 |
| U.S. Air Force    | 1-800-531-5501 |
| U.S. Navy         | 1-800-443-9298 |
| U.S. Marine Corps | 1-800-847-1597 |

## STAND DOWN, From A-1

Memorial Day weekend and the rest of the summer. Although safety presentations are typical, none have been quite as elaborate as Wednesday’s, he explained. Before the main event, which featured a drunk driving scenario, speakers from the Provost Marshals Office, lifeguards from Marine Corps Community Services, and the Headquarters Battalion Substance Abuse Control Counselor’s Office shared important safety precau-

tions military and family members need to keep in mind this summer as they go out to have a good time. “We attempted to create the most realistic scenario possible, using real cars, fake blood and volunteer victims,” said Diprete, explaining the Base Safety Center’s simulation of a realistic drunk driving accident. The event entailed crashed cars, an appearance by the Federal Fire Department here, a Jaws of Life demon-



stration, an arrest by PMO, the simulated fatality of an innocent passenger, and response by Emergency Medical Services. In the car accident scenario, a vehicle full of intoxicated Marines collided with another transporting a husband, wife and baby. The accident resulted in the death of the mother, who also happened to be a Marine. Emphasizing the reality of a personal loss, an honor guard gave a 21-gun salute and played “Taps.”

Post-presentation activities featured a safe motorcycling demonstration for skilled and would-be motorcyclists. “The most important thing that we want K-Bay residents to take home from the stand down is the reality of their actions — how one bad mistake can result in a life-changing event for so many individuals,” explained Diprete. “One night and too many drinks can result in one accident and an innocent death, which would create dozens of affected individuals.

# JCOC: Brent, Fisch and May honored as Hawaii’s participants



**Patrick T. Brent, Chairman, Baldwin Forrester & Company (Honolulu)**  
**Primary Owner/Manager, Bradford Adams & Co. (Palo Alto)**

Mr. Brent’s career experiences have ranged from computer programmer to founder of multi-million dollar businesses. His accomplishments have included pioneering work in computer systems for airline/travel industries in data communication, reservations and accounting, and in payroll

tax reporting and trust fund processing. A Waikiki hotel property owner, he regularly hosts awards for service members; his military service was performed with 2nd Bn., 24th Marines, 4th Marine Division. A trustee for Camp Pendleton’s “Devil Pups” youth summer camp (and a former Marine Corps Command and Staff College and Marine Corps University trustee), Brent served as a civilian war correspondent during Operation Iraqi Freedom and was chosen as a Marine Corps Combat Correspondent’s Association Life Member.



**Michael J. Fisch, President & Publisher “The Honolulu Advertiser” (since 1998)**

Mr. Fisch was previously president/CEO of an independent daily newspaper in California. He has also held executive positions with newspaper organizations in Connecticut, Wisconsin and Minnesota. Active throughout his career in community-based organizations, Fisch’s current activities here in Hawaii include: President, Historic Hawaii Foundation; Director/VP Admin., Aloha

Council of Boy Scouts; Vice Chairman, Enterprise Honolulu; member, Hawaii Business Roundtable; member, Hui of Grantmakers; Capital Campaign, USS Missouri Memorial Association; member, Hawaii Pacific University Communications Advisory Board; member, The Hawaii Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee; Board Member, Rotary Club of Honolulu and Rotary District 500; Board Member, Japan-American Society; Business Team Chair, Aloha United Way; and Board Member, Hawaii.com joint venture.



**T. Michael May, President & CEO Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc. (HECO)**

Mr. May is also Advisory Board of Directors Chairman for Maui Electric Company, Ltd. and Hawaii Electric Light Company, Inc. Prior to joining HECO in 1992, he founded a management-consulting firm (Management Assets Group) and served as President/Vice President of Finance of the independent power production and industrial gas turbine manufacturing sub-

sidiaries, respectively, of Caterpillar, Inc. His community and professional associations include: member, Boy Scouts Aloha Council Executive Board, The Hawaii Chamber of Commerce-Military Affairs Council, and Hawaii Business Roundtable; Trustee, Academy of the Pacific Board; Director of Blood Bank of Hawaii, Edison Electric Institute (EEI), and the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI). In 2002, he and his wife, Carol Ai May, co-chaired the Oahu County Aloha United Way campaign.

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Camp Smith, where they will receive the Pacific Command’s current operations update. Participants will also visit various Oahu-based military commands, including MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, then fly via military aircraft to Korea to meet with the leadership of the United Nations Command/Combined Forces Command U.S. Forces/Korea and the Korean Ministry of National Defense/Joint Chiefs of Staff.

The group will stop in Japan to meet with the Commander Naval Forces Japan/Commander Seventh Fleet and tour the USS Kitty Hawk, before returning to Hawaii.

Due to a refocusing of military resources in the United States for Operation Iraqi Freedom, the conference adjusted what has been a U.S.-based agenda to one focused on the key command centers engaged in winning the global war on terrorism.

In addition to seeing Marines, Sailors, soldiers, airmen and coast guardsmen in action, the JCOC groups will learn about everything from conducting military operations to day-to-day service member activities.

## MEMORIAL DAY, From A-2

I am truly honored to have served with and continue to serve with some of the finest human beings on the face of the earth, the U.S. Marines. I am humbled to stand in the shadow of these warriors who gave their lives for freedom. Their contributions enable this great nation of ours to enjoy the freedom that no other nation can. It is because of the sacrifices of Marines like those

who’ve fought and died for our country and Corps that I continue to proudly serve.

Although we do not have some of the basic comforts here we are normally used to when at home, we remain modest and determined to carry out all orders to their fullest, led by our non-commissioned officers, supervised by our staff NCOs and fully supported by the officers who issue those orders.

We continue to risk our lives daily in

order to complete this mission to enable a country and its people to enjoy the freedom that we have enjoyed all of our lives.

Throughout the year, the sacrifices of our Marines are easily forgotten by most. But as a national holiday, Memorial Day serves as reminder to all to honor men and women who gave their lives in order to secure ours. It is the perfect time to thank those who answered their call to duty.

From my cover to yours, I salute these proud Americans on Memorial Day. Will you join me?

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It is foolish and wrong to mourn the men who died. Rather, we should thank God that such men lived.

— Gen. George S. Patton, Jr.



# Walking the line



Cpl. Jessica M. Mills

Honor graduate Cpl. Mark D. Rynders (left) of 1st Bn., 12 Marine Regiment, waits with his fellow Marines to receive their graduation certificates and awards during the Corporals Course Class 6-04 graduation ceremony May 19, at the base theater here.

## SALUTES

### Corporals Course 6-04

#### Honor Graduate

Cpl. Mark D. Rynders  
1st Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment

#### Second Place

Cpl. Edward L. Beebe  
1st Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment

#### Third Place

Cpl. Rufino Xavier  
Combat Service Support Group 3

#### Gung Ho Award

Cpl. Efren Casas Jr.  
1st Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment

#### Certificate of Superoir

#### Physical Performance

Cpl. Kevin L. Graving  
3rd Marine Regiment

Cpl. Cesar J. Leel  
Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 363

# DUIs are career killers



(Editor’s Note: Per the commanding general of MCB Hawaii, those convicted of driving under the influence [DUI], driving while intoxicated or drug-related offenses shall be publicized in the Hawaii Marine newspaper.)

## You drink & drive. YOU LOSE.

The Military Police Department has added the following names to the DUI roster, suspended the license of the driver, and removed his or her vehicle and its DoD decal from the installation.

•May 4, Cpl. Darrell A. Rhea of Headquarters Bn., MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, for driving under the influence with a blood alcohol content of .111 percent.

•May 6, Petty Officer 3rd Class Calvin C. Franklin III of Patrol Squadron 9, for DUI and hit and run with a BAC of .150 percent.

•May 6, Lance Cpl. Daniel Petrone of 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, for DUI and driving without a license with a BAC of .200 percent.

•May 9, Laura S. Garrison of 1312 Molehu Dr., Honolulu, for DUI, driving without insurance and fraudulent use of a DoD decal with a BAC of .160 percent.

•May 14, Lance Cpl. Timothy E. Coyle of 1st Battalion, 3rd

Marine Regiment, for DUI and reckless driving with a BAC of .173 percent.

•May 14, Lance Cpl. Joseph R. Geist of Kilo Co., 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, for DUI with a BAC of .138 percent.

•May 15, Sgt. James R. Campana of Charlie Co., 1/3, for DUI with a BAC of .129 percent.

•May 15, Sgt. Syneca G. Witherington of Marine Corps Air Facility, for DUI after refusing a BAC test.

•May 15, Lance Cpl. Craig B. Haneline of Charlie Co., 1/3, for DUI with a BAC of .104 percent.

•May 15, Lance Cpl. Jesse L. Randall of Headquarters Co., 3rd Marines, for DUI with a BAC of .136 percent.

# Chapel windows to shed light on spirituality

History, culture to be reflected in new stained glass designs

**Pfc. Rich Mattingly**  
*Sports Editor*

It’s a scene easily imagined by anyone who has spent time in a church. Like the invisible hand of God, daybreak touches the glass of chapel windows and refracts into fingers of colored light. Some colors glance off at odd angles, while others reach through, bathing the sanctuary with the soft, colorful glow of a Hawaiian Sunday morning.

This will be a regular sight aboard Marine Corps Base Hawaii when the new base chapel opens next year. Its new look will feature five uniquely designed stained glass windows, which will illuminate not only the holy mission of the chapel, but also the spirit of those

who have worshiped on the island of Oahu for generations.

According to the design concept, the stained glass windows will capture the harmonious relationship that the State of Hawaii and the U.S. Marine Corps have enjoyed during the past 60 years. The goal is not to depict a war or battle scene, but to illustrate this relationship in scenes capturing the natural beauty of Hawaii, as well as the spirit of aloha that has been displayed toward Marines in Hawaii.

Artists Nidia and Michael Mezalick of Mezalick Design Studios in Philadelphia have designed four of the windows, and interpreted a fifth from sketches by an Oahu-based artist. According to the Mezalicks, their luminous images will pay homage to the Marine Corps and Hawaii’s religious roots.

Their windows will interpret various scriptures such as the right and left dormer windows that depict columns of fire and water,

respectively. The pillar of fire represents the fire that led the Israelites out of Egypt; the pillar of water represents spiritual cleansing. The dormer windows will portray the fire of Hawaii’s volcanoes and the beauty of the water surrounding the islands.

Another Mezalick window, which will grace the entrance to the new Religious Education Facility at the chapel, is dedicated to the “Chosin Few,” the Marines who fought in the Korean War. As the battlefield legend holds, the men fighting near the Chosin Reservoir prayed for a star to shine in the night, as a clear, starry night would mean a clear morning and corresponding air support to help them win the fight. Mezalick’s window will show the star and campaign ribbons from the Korean War.

The design of the main entrance window will be a kukui tree, the state tree of Hawaii. Overlaid by a grid and with etchings of military scenes at the bottom, the window further

depicts the positive relationship between the United States Marine Corps and Hawaii.

The altar window will be the centerpiece of the chapel, and it is Mezalick’s interpretation of a design created by local Manoa artist Duane Preble.

“Hawaiians see nature as sacred and inseparable from worship,” said Preble, an artist, painter, and retired University of Hawaii professor. “They see themselves as a part of nature.”

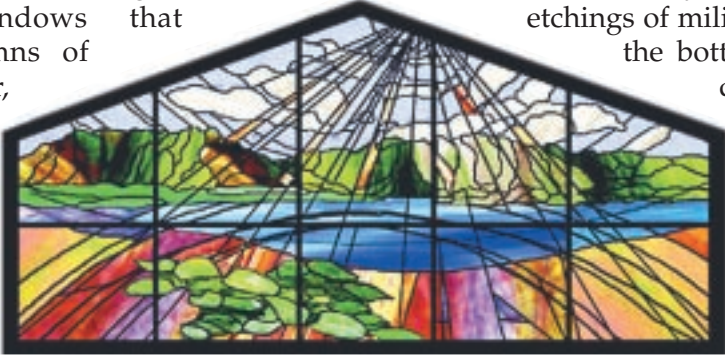
The altar window will also depict sunlight scattering over the Koolau mountain range, onto a foreground covered with the leaves of the taro plant (kalo).

“The taro plant was heavily relied upon in the past here, and modern Hawaiians use it as a figurative link to their heritage,” Mezalick added. “We wanted to honor that.”

Mezalick Studios hope to have the windows completed by this fall and ready for installation. For more information about the studios and stained glass project, visit [www.mezalick.com](http://www.mezalick.com).



The left dormer represents water. The spiritual interpretation relates to the refreshing of souls, and the cleansing of spirit (Ezekiel 36:25). The naturalist view relates to the water that surrounds the islands.



Starting with the original design supplied by Duane Preble, the altar window is an interpreted idea of what his design might look like in stained glass. There are elements of nature, such as leaves of the taro plant and the Koolau Mountains, presented in modern style.



The right dormer represents fire. It represents being tested like gold in the fire, purified. (Zechariah 13:9) The window also represents the idea that God led the Israelites out of Egypt at night with a pillar of fire (Numbers 14:14).

Did You Know?

One of the oldest known examples of multiple pieces of colored glass used in a window was unearthed at St. Paul's Monastery in Jarrow, England.